

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ACUPUNCTURE
MINUTES

Date: February 8, 2011

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Poplar Conference Room
227 French Landing
Heritage Place MetroCenter
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Mary Anne Johnson, Consumer
Jill Kelly, LAC, Chairman
Serina Scott, LAC, Co-Chairman
Jane Abraham, ADS

Member Absent: Peggy Watson, LAC

Staff Present: Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director
Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, OGC Attorney
David Hoffman, Administrator

A quorum being present, Ms. Kelly called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

After reviewing the minutes from the September 28, 2010 Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Associate Counsel in the Office of General Counsel, introduced herself to the Committee. She stated that there were three cases assigned to her office. She also stated that the rulemaking hearing to reduce the Committee's renewal fee would be held at the August 23, 2011 meeting..

Manager's Report

Ms. Arnold reported that between October 1, 2010 and January 31, 2011 the total number of new licenses issued was 8. The office received 6 new license applications during that time. Ms. Arnold also stated that the percentage of licensees who renewed online is 36%. She requested Committee members to encourage other licensees to renew online because it is by far more efficient than the traditional paper renewal. The total number of active acupuncturists is 110 and the acupuncture detoxification specialists is 19.

Financial Report

The Committee's net balance for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 was \$13,384.06. Ms. Otto reminded the Committee of its statutory obligation to be self-sufficient every year.

Division of Investigations

There is only one open complaint currently in the Office of Investigations.

Disciplinary Coordinator

Ms. Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported that there are no licensees under the jurisdiction of the Committee that are currently being monitored.

Continuing Medical Education Audit

Ms. Otto reported that the Continuing Education Unit continues to audit 5% of all renewals on a monthly basis and that the compliance rate for licensees under the Committee's jurisdiction was 100%.

Ratification of Licenses

Ms. Scott made a motion to approve the list of new applications for licensure: Michele J. Ames, Sai-Jen Chen, Judith Gibson, Diana Jean Wight Gosnell, Ronald Joe Hanaver, Viorel Iliescu, Elaine Gardner Orland, Joel Michael Packard, Steven Schwartz, Han Duk Song, Yolanda Rena Taylor, Stephen Wayne Watts. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

Ms. Abraham inquired if the dry needle technique is in the scope of practice for physical therapy in Tennessee and asked about the definition of the technique. Ms. Toombs stated that she would have clarification at the next scheduled meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Abraham made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Ratified at the August 23, 2011 meeting.